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SUBJECT: KAMPUCHEAN REBUTTAL TO BRITISH HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. AS FORESEEN REFTTEL, THE UN HAS CIRCULATED INFORMALLY TO ALL PERMANENT MISSIONS A COMMUNICATION DATED APRIL 22 FROM THE KAMPUCHEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH IN THE MAIN SEEKS TO REBUT BRITISH CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. (TEXT DATAFAXED TO IO/UNP-TATU.) ALTHOUGH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS NOT MENTIONED, THIS SEVEN-PAGE INTEMPERATE ATTACK ON THE BRITISH AND OTHER "IMPERIALISTS, EXPANSIONISTS AND ANNEXATIONISTS" WAS APPARENTLY PROVOKED BY THE BRITISH INITIATIVE ON CAMBODIA AT THE MARCH SESSION OF THE HRC.

2. THE DOCUMENT CONCENTRATES ITS POLEMICS ON THE UK BUT DOES NOT LIMIT ITS ATTACK TO THAT COUNTRY. IT ACCUSES THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS, WITH THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE BRITISH IMPERIALISTS," OF HAVING MOBILIZED THE "MOST MODERN DEVICES OF MASS EXTERMINATION TO WAGE AN EXTREMELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRUEL, BARBARIC AND DESTRUCTIVE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST KAMPUCHEA" BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 AND COMPLAINS THAT KAMPUCHEA MUST NOW CONTEND WITH "SAVAGE AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY THE VIETNAMESE ANNEXATIONISTS". IT MAKES REFERENCE TO INTERFERENCE IN KAMPUCHEA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND "EXTERNAL ATTACKS AND SUBVERSION, SABOTAGE AND OTHER INSIDIOUS MEANS TO ENCOURAGE COUPS D'ETAT", AS WELL AS

TO "AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF DENIGRATION AND DALUMNY"  
DESIGNED TO ISOLATE THE COUNTRY, PREVENT ITS DEVELOPMENT  
AND PROGRESS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND TO PREVENT IT  
FROM SOLVING "URGENT PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THAT OF SUPPLYING  
FOODSTUFFS TO THE POPULATION."

3. IN CASTIGATING THE BRITISH THE DOCUMENT NOT ONLY ATTACKS  
THE COLONIAL PAST AND ITS LEGACY BUT CONDITIONS WITHIN  
BRITAIN TODAY. A SAMPLING: "THE WORLD IS PERFECTLY WELL  
AWARE THAT, AT PRESENT, IN ENGLAND, THE BRITISH IMPERIAL-  
ISTS AND CAPITALIST-MONOPOLISTS LIVE IN OPULENCE ON THE  
HEAPS OF CORPSES OF THE PEOPLES WHOM THEY HAVE  
PLUNDERED, EXPLOITED AND OPPRESSED FOR  
CENTURIES....MILLIONS OF BRITISH PEOPLE LIVE IN POVERTY,  
WITHOUT ANY GUARANTEE OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE. WHAT RIGHT  
HAS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GRANTED, OTHER THAN THE RIGHT  
TO BE A SLAVE OF THE BRITISH CAPITALIST-MONOPOLISTS, THE  
RIGHT TO SELL ONE'S LABOUR, THE RIGHT NOT TO FIND WORK,  
THE RIGHT TO STEAL AND PILLAGE, THE RIGHT TO PROSTITUTE  
ONESELF, ETC.?"

4. THE PICTURE OF LIFE IN KAMPUCHEA TODAY THAT THE DOCU-  
MENT PAINTS IS ONE OF A PEOPLE UNITED IN WORKING TOWARD  
THE GOAL OF A SOCIETY "IN WHICH HAPPINESS, EQUALITY,  
JUSTICE AND TRUE DEMOCRACY REIGN, WITHOUT RICH OR POOR,  
WITHOUT EITHER AN EXPLOITING OR AN EXPLOITED CLASS, A  
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SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE LIVE IN HARMONY AND FULL  
NATIONAL UNITY AND UNITE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF  
PRODUCTION AND TO BUILD AND DEFEND THE COUNTRY TOGETHER."  
IN CITING NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR ITS STRUGGLE, KAMPUCHEA  
CALLS ON THE UN TO REJECT THE "SLANDER AND CALUMNY"  
AGAINST IT. LEONARD

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